

What is claimed is:

1. A direct-coated sponge abrasive material directly bearing a releasable securing means comprising one part of a two part hook material and loop material attachment system.

2. A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 1 in which said releasable securing means comprises loop material secured to the sponge.

3. A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 1 in which said releasable securing means comprises hook material secured to the sponge.

4. A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 1 in which the sponge is in the form of a sheet having opposite major surfaces and the abrasive and securing means are on the opposite major surfaces.

5. A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 1 in which the sponge is in the form of a rectangular block having two major surfaces bearing direct coated abrasive and four minor surfaces at least one of which bears said one part of said releasable securing means.

6. A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 1 in combination with a strap suitable for accommodating a hand, the strap bearing, at least at its ends, the other part of the hook material or loop material of said attachment system.

7. A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as defined in claim 1 in combination with a back-up pad comprising the other part of a hook material and loop material attachment system.

8. A direct-coated material as claimed in claim 7 in which the back-up pad is adapted for use on a motor driven sanding machine.

9. A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 7 in which the back-up
5 pad is in the form of a block for hand sanding.

10. A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 1 in which the loop material comprises brushed nylon.

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